

**Bristol County District Attorney's Office**  
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**Press Release**  
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Fall River Police, State Troopers assigned to the Bristol County District Attorney's Office and Homicide Unit prosecutors are actively investigating a homicide in the City of Fall River.

Police received a 911 call regarding shots fired outside of Building 11 in the Father Diaferio Village housing development, located at 220 Johnson St., last night around 6:45 p.m.

The homicide victim has been identified as Edward Platts, 31, of Middletown, RI. He died as a result of a gun-shot wound, while sitting in his vehicle outside Building 11.

Two men were apprehended by state and local police shortly after the incident in the area of Kellogg and Osborn Streets. The two men were charged early this morning with one count each of carrying an illegal firearm. Both men will be arraigned this morning in Fall River District Court, located in the Fall River Justice Center on South Main Street. The defendants are: Charles Douglas Mendez, 28, with a last known address of 175 Barnaby St., Fall River and Tacoma Massie, 29, with a last known address of 236 Hope St., Fall River.

The investigation into the homicide remains very active at this time and no further information will be released until today's arraignment. If any updates become available for release, I will send out a press release immediately.